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RE: U.S. Patent Application Entitled
MANAGING NETWORK CONNECTIONS IN A SYSTEM
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Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 28-page patent specification with 24 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-8 on 7 sheets);
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